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SUBJECT : CANADIAN AMBASSADOR'S CALL TO DISCUSS

US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS

1. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR CADIEUX CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN MARCH 11 FOR BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CURRENT STATUS OF US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP (ECG) AND YEAR OF EUROPE DEVELOPMENTS.

2. HARTMAN STATED THAT THE U.S. WANTED UPCOMING ECG MEETING TO LOOK INTO SHORT-TERM ENERGY OUTLOOK AND FINANCIAL MATTERS AS WELL AS HOPEFULLY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON TERMS OF REFERENCE. HE EXPLAINED THAT U.S. WISHES TO SEE HOW SERIOUS EUROPEANS ARE ABOUT COOPERATION IN THE ECG AND CONFIRMED THAT, FROM U.S. STANDPOINT, WE ARE PREPARED TO GO AS FAR AND AS FAST AS EUROPEANS WISH.

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3. AS TO RECENT EC ANNOUNCEMENT OF ARRANGEMENTS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES, HARTMAN TOLD CADIEUX THAT U.S. NEVER HAD FULL OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH EC PRIOR TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE. U.S. CONCERN, HE NOTED, WAS NOT A MATTER OF PERSONALITY CONFLICT BUT RATHER A MORE BASIC QUESTION AS TO WHETHER SOME EUROPEANS BELIEVE THAT ONLY WAY TO DEVELOP EUROPEAN IDENTITY IS TO TAKE POSITIONS ANTAGONISTIC TO U.S. OUR SUBSTANTIVE CONCERN, HARTMAN STRESSED, WAS FACT THAT EUROPEANS SHOULD REALIZE THAT A MIDDLE EAST

SETTLEMENT WAS IN EUROPEAN INTEREST AND THAT NOTHING SHOULD OCCUR TO COMPLICATE EFFORTS TO SEEK SUCH A SETTLEMENT. CADIEUX CONCURRED WITH HARTMAN'S ANALYSIS AND NOTED THAT CANADA ALSO FEELS LEFT OUT OF EC ACTIONS AND FULLY SHARES U.S. DESIRE FOR OPEN AND FLEXIBLE CONSULTATION WITH EUROPEANS ON ALL SUCH MATTERS.

4. TURNING TO YEAR OF EUROPE, HARTMAN INDICATED THAT WE HOPE PROBLEMS WITH FRENCH ON WORDING OF NATO DECLARATION MIGHT BE RESOLVED SOON. AS TO THE US-EC DECLARATION, HARTMAN INFORMED CADIEUX THAT U.S. HAD RECEIVED A NEW EC DRAFT TEXT LAST WEEK WHICH, ALTHOUGH CONTAINING HORTATORY LANGUAGE ON CONSULTATION, DID NOT MENTION ANY CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURES.

5. IN RESPONSE TO CADIEUX'S QUERY ABOUT PRESENT U.S. THINKING ON TRI-REGIONAL DECLARATION, HARTMAN SAID THAT WE STILL FAVOR IT BUT, OBVIOUSLY, MUST AWAIT THE SHAPE OF THE US-EC TEXT. CADIEUX CONFIRMED THAT THIS WAS OTTAWA'S ATTITUDE AS WELL. KISSINGER

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